

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 28, 2022 – 3:16 PM**  
**Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, Michigan 48226**

- I. **Chairperson Jim Holley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Commander Chaplain Stanley Mobley provided the invocation.
- III. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD, Chairperson	Yes	
Bryan Ferguson	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter		Excused
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Annie Holt	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

- IV. **Chairperson Holley** called to approve the Agenda for Thursday, June 28, 2022 as its current form, the motion was accepted and adopted.

**VOTE:                      Yes = 8                      No = 1                      Motion: ADOPTED**

- V. **Chairperson Holley** called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2022. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VI. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**
- VII. **Chair's Report.** Chairperson Holley reported on the following information: "Thank you for attending today's Meeting. Before beginning our meeting today, just a brief note about last week's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade and two (2) other key Court decisions. The Court ruled against restrictions for carrying concealed weapons in public and against civil lawsuits related to police officers who fail to administer Miranda warnings. These decisions are monumental shifts from established rights and precedents.

We also recently observed where President Biden signed into law gun reform that will expand background checks for minors interested in purchasing guns, remove guns from domestic violence offenders, and create other protections for reducing and deterring gun crimes. While this is a step in the right direction, we still have much work to do. Just last night, a news report indicated Detroit police turned away a man with an AR-15 at Hart Plaza as people gathered for the Fireworks. The AR-15 is a semi-automatic weapon like the one used in Uvalde and other mass shootings at schools and at least one church.

I know the Chief will have more to say about the Fireworks and any other events in his report. However, I have to say this is what is so troubling about the Supreme Court decision: no one can see what your intentions are when you have a weapon like that in public, and you're not a police officer. That weapon creates fear and terror. It's a weapon that's been used by people with bad intentions to hurt a lot of people very quickly, including police officers. Nothing happened last night, but this is a very pivotal time in Detroit and America for us to act.

The power of voting is one of the most important public service areas that we can engage in. We need to understand the power of our voice, our vote. The Board encourages everyone to stay engaged, active, and informed about the democratic process and the quality of life that affect our communities. While some of the issues may not affect you directly, they likely affect you indirectly, and we must vote. We must do all that we can to protect and preserve our democracy and that means voting in every election. Our lives and our children's lives depend on our votes.

Based on advisement from the Law Department, I am withdrawing my plan regarding the current vacancies and will post the positions of Secretary to the Board and Chief Investigator. Therefore, there is no plan or personnel-related matter to discuss in closed session. I will ask for unanimous consent to rescind the motion to go into closed session to discuss the plan. I have also recirculated the current job specifications for both positions for your review and consideration. Our staff will work with City HR to post the positions and bring back prescreened candidates based on our previous approved Board hiring process.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:** We look forward to hearing feedback from the Chief regarding the Ford Fireworks held last evening and the Department's efforts to keep everyone safe during that event. We also look forward to learning important and vital city-wide crime updates and critical incidents for our awareness as well as any other events or incidents for our attention.

**TODAY'S AGENDA:** Today, we have a presentation from the City of Detroit Board of Ethics who will provide more information regarding the City's ethics ordinance and the Board's mandates in this regard.

**AIM TO BE DETROIT CRIME-FREE SUMMIT:** As a reminder, staff is planning our upcoming Aim to be Detroit Crime-Free Summit, flyers are in your packets. The Board of Police Commissioners has held recent summits on homicides & non-fatal shootings and on tackling gun violence. The goal is very clear: we need to work together to make our city as safe as possible for everyone. We need deliberate steps and actions. We need to aim to be a crime-free community. Save the Date! Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m Kemeny Recreation Center. We're bringing a lot of top minds together for this summit to discuss Gun Crime prevention strategies, constitutionally and quickly removing guns from our streets, and Saving lives.

**JULY BOPC COMMUNITY MEETING:** During the month of July, the Board will celebrate 48 Years of being the most historic and prominent civilian oversight agency, leading the nation in this effort. Through the vision and leadership of former Mayor Coleman A. Young, the 1973 Charter created the Board of Police Commissioners, a robust civilian oversight agency charged with overseeing the Detroit Police Department. We look forward to sharing with you in our celebration as the leader in civilian oversight and hope that you will be able to attend our community meeting, which will be held in the district where it all started, the 1967 riot or rebellion that led to the creation of this Board. The Board and the City has experienced several evolutions all of which required us to transform the way that we do civilian oversight, and we are looked to as a leader and prominent figure in civilian oversight. Voter Registration Tables will also be set up to ensure that individuals can register to vote if they have not already done so. Please plan to attend and tell your neighbor.

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEW OFFICERS NEXT WEEK:** Next week, our newly elected Board officers, incoming Chair Bryan Ferguson and incoming Vice Chair Annie Holt will be sworn in and begin their one-year terms. Again, we congratulate you and extend best wishes. We look forward to the ceremony as well as their goals and vision for the upcoming fiscal year towards enhancing and improving public safety, law enforcement, and civilian oversight.

**TRAINING:** Lastly, the Board will hold its annual training orientation during the month of July. More information is forthcoming from staff regarding the dates and times for your consideration. Please stay tuned discussing key items we have raised over the last few months and other civilian oversight areas for your awareness.

**VIII. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:** Chief James White reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID-19 impacts; and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community. See the attached Meeting Transcripts and DPD Crime Reports for more information and also posted to the Board's webpage.

**IX. Presentation to the Board – City Board of Ethics – Michael O’Connell, Training Specialist**

**A. City Board of Ethics – Michael O’Connell, Training Specialist** provided information regarding the following:  
The Board of Ethics administers the Ethics Ordinance for all public servants, contractors, and vendors in the City of Detroit. It issues opinions on requests from public servants, investigates complaints of Ethics Ordinance Violations, and conducts mandatory training on the Ethics Ordinance. In addition to providing information on ordinance requirements, Mr. O'Connell explained training requirements for all Board members and employees. More information is available on the Board's website by viewing the attached Meeting Transcripts and PowerPoint Presentation.

**X. Report from Interim Board Secretary Melanie White/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**

1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 6/20/22 – 6/26/22
2. DPD ShotSpotter Report 6/20/22 – 6/26/22
3. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: DPD Police Personnel and Recruitment Activities and Strategies BOPC Inquiry 3/7/22
4. Project Green Light Report 6/27/22
5. Staff Reports

**XI. Unfinished Business.**

**Commissioner Moore motion to “immediately post and advertise the position of Chief Investigator for the Board of Police Commissioners.”**

**VOTE:                      Yes = 9                      No = 0                      Motion: ADOPTED**

**Commissioner Moore motion to “immediately post and advertise the position of Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners.”**

**VOTE:                      Yes = 9                      No = 0                      Motion: ADOPTED**

**Commissioner Moore motion to “immediately post and advertise the position of Board Attorney for the Board of Police Commissioners.”**

**VOTE:                      Yes = 9                      No = 0                      Motion: ADOPTED**

**XII. New Business.**

**XIII. Announcements.**

**Ms. Teresa Blossom** announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at Detroit Union Carpenters & Millwrights Training Center, 7515 Elmhurst, Detroit, MI 48204.

The Board of Police Commissioners was held today due to the postponement of the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.

**Monthly Committee Meetings' Schedule for July 2022 – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

Budget Committee Meeting	Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting	Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
Personnel & Training Committee Meeting	Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting	Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

All Committee Meetings will take place in the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters

**XIV. Oral Communications/Public Comments.**

Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Taura Brown, Ms. Joy, Victoria Shah, Tom Stephens, Former Commissioner William Davis, and YaYa Jai Kiser offered public comments.

**XV. Adjournment.**

**Chairperson Holley** adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

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